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- ☒ original
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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

"Fiber Optic Circuit Board Connector"

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on October 30, 2001, under Serial No. 10/051,418, executed on even date herewith, and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application; namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 119)

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e), of any provisional application(s) for patent listed below.

- ☐ No such applications have been filed.
☒ Such applications have been filed as follows:

| <u>Application No</u> | <u>Date Filed</u> | <u>Priority Claimed</u> |
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| 60/244,389 | October 31, 2000 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. §120)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120, of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application (namely, information where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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| Filing Date | 10/30/2001 |
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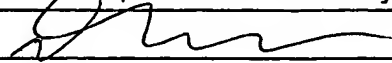
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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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Signature



Date

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☐ *Total of _____ forms are submitted.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Joseph A.A.M. Tourne'

Application No./Patent No.: 10/051,418 Filed/Issue Date: 10/30,2001

Entitled: FIBER OPTIC CIRCUIT BOARD CONNECTOR

Viasystems Group, Inc. _____, a _____ Corporation

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.
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Dan Weber, Assistant Secretary

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